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SUBJECT: NGA INTERNATIONAL AGENDA: EUROPEAN PLANNING TRIP

1. NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION (NGA), REPRESENTING NATION'S 55 STATE AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS, IS EXPANDING ITS ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES. AT NGA WINTER MEETING, AT WHICH THE SECRETARY SPOKE, GOVERNORS APPROVED A PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH GERMAN MARSHALL FUND, AND IN COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED FEDERAL AGENCIES, THAT WILL DEVISE A LONG-TERM AGENDA FOR GOVERNORS IN FOLLOWING AREAS:
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A. MAJOR EXPANSION OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN U.S. STATES AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS IN OECD COUNTRIES, BEGINNING WITH FRG. PROPOSED ARE STATE-GOVERNMENT-LEVEL CLEARINGHOUSES FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL INFO EXCHANGES IN FOLLOWING TOPICS: (1) TRANSPORTATION, (2) ENVIRONMENTAL

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CONTROLS, AND (3) HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE POLICIES.

B. GREATER INTER-STATE COOPERATION TO FACILITATE FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, INCLUDING IMPROVED FEDERAL-STATE CONSULTATION ON INTERACTION OF FEDERAL AND STATE TAX AND FISCAL POLICIES, AND ON HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, EDUCATION, WELFARE, AND LABOR POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND TOURISM.

C. IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION AMONG FEDERAL AGENCIES, U.S. STATES, AND OECD COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

2. MICHIGAN GOVERNOR WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, AS NGA CHAIRMAN, HAS DESIGNATED HIS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR STATE AFFAIRS, JAMES C. KELLOGG, AND JACK A. BRIZIUS OF THE NGA STAFF IN WASHINGTON, TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNORS' INTERNATIONAL AGENDA, WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NGA ANNUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 29. THEY WILL VISIT SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES (TENTATIVE): BRUSSELS, JULY 19-21; BONN, JULY 24-25; PARIS, JULY 27-28; AND LONDON, JULY 31-AUGUST 2. DETAILED ITINERARY FOLLOWS BEFORE JULY 12. REQUEST EACH EMBASSY TO DESIGNATE CONTROL OFFICER TO ASSIST THEM.
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3. PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL, KELLOGG AND BRIZIUS WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES CONCERNING MOST PROMISING CONTACTS (NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS) THEY COULD MAKE IN REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL (FRG ONLY) MINISTRIES TO CONSULT ABOUT PROPOSED RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY, AND MANAGEMENT INFO EXCHANGE SYSTEM (PARA 1-A). THEY ALSO SEEK SUMMARY OF HOST COUNTRY'S EXISTING TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE SYSTEMS, ESPECIALLY ANY WITHIN EC THAT INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY PROVINCES OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SUBUNITS. LASTLY, THEY REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THEM AT MODERATELY-PRICED HOTELS.

4. NGA LOOKS FORWARD TO FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES TO HELP MAKE GOVERNORS' INTERNATIONAL AGENDA AN IMPORTANT MEANS TO ENHANCE AND IMPROVE OUR NATION'S IMPORTANT LINKS WITH THE MATURE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES AT ALL GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS. NGA APPRECIATES ANY ASSISTANCE POSTS CAN RENDER.

5. REQUEST RESPONSE BY COB JULY 9.

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